

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )

Philippe SANSONETTI et al. )

Serial No.: 08/466,698 )

Filed: June 6, 1995 )

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
TRANSFORMED SHIGELLA  
(AS AMENDED) )

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: A. Caputa

**BOX AFTER FINAL**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 26**

In response to the Office Action mailed July 22, 1998 (Paper No. 26), for which the period for response has been extended through January 22, 1999, by the request for a three-month extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the following claims:

17. (Amended) A modified, wild strain of an enteroinvasive *Shigella* that can be used for making a vaccine against the wild strain of *Shigella*, obtained by the process of claim 1, [wherein the genome of the wild strain of *Shigella* has been transformed, other than only by inactivation by means of a transposon inserted into genes of the genome, so that it cannot